

# Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database: Technical Assistance Group (TAG) meeting with Health Care Payers

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# Objectives for today's meeting

- Welcome and Introductions
- APCD Implementation Updates
- Technical Support – Payer Specific Questions
- Open Discussion

# APCD Resources for Payers

Updated APCD Website - [www.mass.gov/dhcfp/apcd](http://www.mass.gov/dhcfp/apcd)

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) - Health and Human Services - Mass.Gov - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar displays the URL <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/researcher/physical-health/health-care-delivery/hcf-data-resources/apcd/>. The browser's Favorites bar shows "All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) - Health and Huma...".

The website header includes the "Mass.gov" logo, navigation links for "State Agencies" and "A-Z Topics", an "Alert - No Active Alerts" notification, and links to "Skip to main content" and "Need help resizing text?". Below the header is the "Health and Human Services" section, featuring the EOHHS logo, a search bar, and a dropdown menu set to "In Health & Human Services".

A navigation bar contains four tabs: "Consumer", "Provider", "Researcher", and "Government". The "Researcher" tab is selected, leading to a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Researcher > Physical Health & Treatment > Health Care Delivery System > DHCFP Data Resources >".

The main content area is titled "All-Payer Claims Database (APCD)" and includes a descriptive paragraph: "The APCD is a database comprised of medical, pharmacy, and dental claims, and information from the member eligibility, provider, and product files encompassing fully-insured, self-insured, Medicare, and Medicaid data. The APCD will afford a deeper understanding of the Massachusetts health care delivery system by providing access to timely and accurate data essential to improving quality, reducing costs, and promoting transparency." Below this is a link to the "All-Payer Claims Database Overview" with a PDF icon, and a "Word Version" link.

On the right side, a "Related Links" section lists several resources: "November 22nd Technical Workgroup Presentation", "Blog: APCD Community Engagement - Public Forums", "APCD Events", "Blog: APCD Engagement and Transparency", "Blog: Engaging You in 2011", and a "See All" link.

The left sidebar contains three sections: "APCD Events" (noting that DHCFP hosts meetings for updates and input), "User Resources" (directing users to submission guides, TAG conference call information, and event schedules), and "Join an APCD email list" (offering an email list for technical assistance and data release notifications).

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Internet" and a 100% zoom level.

# APCD Resources for Payers

## Updated USER RESOURCES section -

User Resources - Health and Human Services - Mass.Gov - Windows Internet Explorer






















http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/researcher/physical-health/health-care-delivery/hcf-data-resources/apcd/user-resources.html

Google

Favorites User Resources - Health and Human Services - Mass....

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### All-Payer Claims Database User Submission Guides

User Submission Guides	Format	Edits
Medical Claims File Submission Guide	<a href="#">PDF</a>  / <a href="#">Word</a> 	<a href="#">Zip File</a> 
Pharmacy Claims File Submission Guide	<a href="#">PDF</a>  / <a href="#">Word</a> 	<a href="#">Zip File</a> 
Dental Claims File Submission Guide	<a href="#">PDF</a>  / <a href="#">Word</a> 	<a href="#">Zip File</a> 
Member Eligibility File Submission Guide	<a href="#">PDF</a>  / <a href="#">Word</a> 	<a href="#">Zip File</a> 
Product File Submission Guide	<a href="#">PDF</a>  / <a href="#">Word</a> 	<a href="#">Zip File</a> 
Provider File Submission Guide	<a href="#">PDF</a>  / <a href="#">Word</a> 	<a href="#">Zip File</a> 
Master List of File Edits (includes edits to Medical Claims, Dental Claims, Pharmacy Claims, Member Eligibility, Product File, and Provider File)	<a href="#">PDF</a>  / <a href="#">Excel</a> 	<a href="#">Zip File</a> 

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# APCD Technical Assistance Group (TAG) meeting with Payers

- Monthly meeting to provide technical assistance and provide updates on recent APCD developments
- Payers are encouraged to send at least one designee to participate in the discussion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 2pm EST
- Link to webinar registration for meetings through 2012  
<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/941044990>

# \$0 Charge Issue – Edit Update

- Specifics of Edit Change:
  - EditIDs 2151, 2268, 2358: are 'A' level edits and will count towards the threshold for each field and will remain unchanged
  - EditIDs 2610, 2635, 2654: will Fail the file if a record is in error and were updated to remove the \$0 condition.
  - EditIDs 3920, 3921, 3922: [NEW EDITS] are being developed as 'A' level edits and will count towards the threshold for each field

Element	Edit ID	Message
MC062	2151	Charge Amount is required.
MC062	3920	Charge Amount cannot be zero.
MC062	2610	Charge Amount must be in integer (no decimal points) format.
PC035	2268	Charge Amount is required.
PC035	3921	Charge Amount cannot be zero.
PC035	2635	Charge Amount must be in integer (no decimal points) format.
DC037	2654	Charge Amount must be in integer (no decimal points) format.
DC037	3922	Charge Amount cannot be zero.
DC037	2358	Charge Amount is required.

# \$0 Charge Issue – Edit Update

- Further Refinement
  - DHCFP will continue to work with Massachusetts Association of Health Plans (MAHP) to determine if more refinements are necessary
  - Payers should continue to work with MAHP and their liaisons to provide billing rules and documentation for \$0 charge instances
- Files will be Rerun
  - DHCFP will rerun any files any files that are in-house that have failed and would otherwise pass
  - Payers should work with their liaison to ensure their files are rerun
- Payers should continue to submit files as usual

# Q&A with Health Care Payers

- Questions emailed to APCD Liaisons
- Questions emailed to DHCFP ([dhcfp.apcd@state.ma.us](mailto:dhcfp.apcd@state.ma.us))
- Open discussion



# Invitation to APCD meetings

## Upcoming Schedule

**APCD Analytic Workgroup**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

**APCD Technical Workgroup**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

**Monthly TAG meeting with Payers**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

For meeting materials and information, please visit:

[www.mass.gov/dhcfp/apcd](http://www.mass.gov/dhcfp/apcd)